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## Haliburton Legion Annual Poppy Campaign

Don Pitman, President of the Haliburton Legion Branch 129, pins a poppy to the lapel of Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy. The annual poppy campaign is now underway with 105 local businesses offering poppies for purchase, as well as 10 volunteers who will be at local businesses throughout the campaign. The annual poppy campaign is very popular and the legion would like to thank everyone for their support. / DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

## HHSS cross country teams compete in COSSA championships

The HHSS Cross Country team competed in the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association) Cross Country championships Oct 27. They travelled to the beautiful Dunnott Orchards near Brighton to run through rolling hills and apple trees, vying for a spot at the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championships which will be held at Lakefield College School on Nov. 6.

Novice girl, Erika Hoare, set the bar high with her run on the 3.7 kilometre novice course. After getting off to a quick start and running in fifth after the first kil-

ometre of the course, Hoare hung on to finish with a strong 10th place finish.

Hoare far surpassed any expectations coach Karen Gervais had for her. She dropped over a minute from her previous time on the course, running a very fast 4:33 per kilometre pace. Coach Gervais was impressed with her grit and determination: a gutsy fast-paced start and her fight to hang on. Hoare also finished ahead of several runners that beat her at last week's Kawartha meet.

The top two teams of four runners, and the top five individual finishers who are not part of a qualifying team earn

the right to represent the association at OFSAA. While Hoare officially finished as COSSA's sixth individual, the alternate, she was excited to learn she would get to run after an athlete ahead of her scratched and relinquished her position to run at OFSAA the next week.

After Hoare's determined run, Haiden Bird, the sole novice boy, ran his way to a personal best pace time and a 25th place finish. As a new runner, Bird continued to improve steadily throughout the season. Going from not being able to complete the distance without walking, to completing the 3.7 kilometre COSSA course with a

pace time of 4:32 per kilometre and a total time of 17 minutes Bird demonstrated incredible improvement. Bird hopes to return to running during the track and field season.

Another new runner, Evelyn Vandertar was faced with the challenge of the 4,750 metres junior girls' course, which features the same kilometre-long uphill as the novice course, plus a second trek halfway up at it near the finish of the course. Vanderstarre found the course tough and struggled with cramping at the end of the race. Despite this, she remained

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Above, Erika Hoare off to a quick start at the COSSA Cross Country championships.

Left, New runner Darian Maddock had an exceptional run finishing in 17th at a pace of 3:56/km at the COSSA Cross Country championships. /Photos submitted

## Respectable finish for senior boys

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remained determined to finish, crossing the line in 32:15.

Our senior boys' team of Corin Gervais, Darian Maddock, Nick Phippen and Ivan Zagorsky all ran personal bests on the 5,650 metres senior boys' course, which also featured the same one and a half times uphill. The very competitive senior boys' field included 94 runners, including Erik Unger, the former novice boys' OFSAA champion from Adam Scott. Despite a quick pace 3:46.6 per kilometre. Nick Phippen's strong run and 11th place finish was just short of earning a qualifying spot for OFSAA.

Phippen was disappointed not to make a return trip to OFSAA in his Grade 12 year, knowing he had previously outrun some of his competitors before. Phippen has been a very committed member of the team for three seasons and earlier this fall, finished 11th in the Haliburton Forest Trail Race's 50 kilometre ultra run as well as completing a completing run from Carnarvon to Haliburton as

part of the school's Terry Fox fundraising efforts.

New runner Maddock had an exceptional run finishing 17th at a pace of 3:56 per kilometre. Maddock joined the team in his Grade 12 year after not competing since elementary school. He was followed closely by Corin Gervais in 25th with a personal best pace time of 4:02 per kilometre. Ivan Zagorsky, another new Grade 11 runner that joined the cross country team in the absence of a soccer program at our school, finished 51st., once again showing strides of improvement to better his previous run on the course by more than five minutes with a very solid pace of 4:28 per kilometre

The combined efforts of the senior boys earned them a very respectable fifth place team finish out of 13 teams.

Coach Gervais was proud of the efforts and the many personal bests run during the meet. With a late start to the season and a limited amount of time to train, the team really worked hard to maximize their potential. The leadership shown by the team's veterans Phippen and Gervais was noteworthy. Coach Gervais was impressed

with how they stepped up to share their experience and mentor the other athletes, especially when she was unable to travel to the Kawartha meet with the team due to a death in the family.

At next Saturday's OFSAA meet, Hoare hopes to earn a spot in the top 100 at the highly competitive meet. Running at the provincial meet was something she hadn't even imagined at the start of the season.

Hoare attests that she has enjoyed being part of the team and has particularly benefited from the support and mentorship offered by the senior members of the team. Her strategy will be to get out fast and to keep passing runners, until she finds a competitor that can continue to push her to a faster finish.

The OFSAA does not permit spectators, which is aligned with COVID-19 protocols.

*Submitted*

## Huskies go 2–0 in the Governors' Showcase with two well fought wins

ALEX GALLACHER

*Special to the Echo*

The 2021 OJHL showcase was held at the Cobourg Community Centre in Cobourg, Ontario. The Haliburton County Huskies took on the North York Rangers and the Toronto Patriots as part of the two game showcase in front of various upper level coaches, players and scouts.

The first matchup was against the Rangers, starting out this tilt with Christian Linton getting the tap to start in goal for the Huskies. North York's Luca Rea opened the scoring on the power play near the end of the first. With the Huskies already defeating the Rangers in their last meeting at the Herbert Carnegie Community Centre, the team had good knowledge in hand ahead of the second period.

Huskies forward Sam Solarino capitalized on a feed from Nathan Porter to tie up the game just before halfway in the second. The only goal of the period, the teams went back to the dressing room tied at one a piece.

In the third, it was a totally different story.

Porter got the party started less than three minutes in, burying a feed from Nick Athanasakos giving the Huskies their first lead of the game. Three minutes later and Oliver Tarr got his first of the game after being set up by Patrick Saini. With the Huskies up 3-1, all they head to do was close it out, Lucas Stevenson converted the empty net chance and sealed up a 4-1 Huskies win against the Rangers.

The Toronto Patriots were a different story, as the Huskies have yet to face this adversary in 2021. The Huskies went down 2-0 before the halfway mark of the first. An unassisted marker from McKay Hayes and a great goal by Nolan Lowe put the Huskies in a sticky situation.

uation.

However, by the period end it would be a turn of the tables. Jack Staniland got a great feed from Tarr on the power play, pocketing his first as a Husky and first in the OJHL. Right before the end of the period in the dying seconds, Tarr tied it up on another power play chance. This time, he converted a pass from Staniland in a reverse of the first goal.

This continued a run of four straight Huskies goals, with Highland Storm alumnus Ryan Hall getting his first career goal at the two-minute mark of the second. Davis

Bone tallied an unassisted goal at 10:16 putting the Huskies up 4-2 by the end of the second.

The Patriots' Ryan Forberg added a third goal just after the halfway point of the third, but that would be it for scoring. The Huskies held off Toronto for their third straight win and first against the Patriots.

The next road game for the Huskies will be on Nov. 5 in Trenton against the Golden Hawks. That will be the first game of a tough back-to-back for the Huskies in which they will face the Buzzers less than 24 hours later.

## Two adults charged after firearms investigation

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two adults in relation to an assault and firearms related investigation.

On Oct. 26 at 3:35 p.m. police received a report of a male and a female involved in a dispute in the downtown Haliburton area. It was reported that the involved male was in possession of a firearm at the time of the incident.

Police attended the area and located all of the parties involved. A firearm was also recovered by police. As a result of police investigation an adult male has been charged with the following offences:

- Pointing a firearm
- Careless storage of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm
- Failure to comply with release order
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, 2 counts

Assault

Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition for dangerous purpose

Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose

A second male was also charged with the following offences:

Failure to comply with release order, 2 counts

Both accused parties were held in custody for the purposes of a bail hearing. The identities of the accused are not being released in an effort to protect the identities of the victims.

If you or someone you know are experiencing domestic violence, you are not alone. Please call 9-1-1 if you feel that you are in danger. For further information and resources regarding intimate partner violence please visit the Ontario Provincial Police website at opp.ca.

*Submitted*



# Stevens and Richardson each score a pair as Huskies down Muskies

ALEX GALLACHER

*Special to the Echo*

A pair of goals by both Christian Stevens and Bryce Richardson was the key ingredient in a heart pounding 5-4 Haliburton County Huskies victory, Saturday against the visiting Lindsay Muskies.

With Halloween around the corner and fresh off a perfect 2-0 record in the showcase, fans showed up in droves to pack the Nesbitt. With some sporting their finest costumes, the team was ready to put on a show for the nearly 400 spectators that came out.

Both teams would get the ball rolling in the first, with even play at both ends of the ice. The first decent chance came from Richardson, blasting a hard shot towards the Muskies netminder. With the save made by Ethan Fraser, the young goalie was fresh off an overtime win against the league leading Trenton Golden Hawks and looking to impress in the Battle of Highway 35. Making two more great saves, the Muskies had a chance of their own a few minutes later but that was shut down by Cicigoi.

William Jones took the first penalty of the game for hooking, which sent up the opening goal. Just as the penalty to Jones was expiring, a Nathan Porter point shot was tipped in by Bryce Richardson to put the Huskies up 1-0 at 11:28. Less than a minute later and the Huskies struck oil again, this time it came off the stick of Christian Stevens.

The Booklin, Ontario forward took a feed from Patrick Saini and blasted it past Fraser to double the Huskies lead just like that. The Muskies stopped the bleeding at 17:54, where after Sam Solarino would get dinged for a high stick, Boyd Staulbahr



Huskies beat the Muskies on home ice at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena./ ALEX GALLACHER  
*Special to the Echo*

found some day light and cut the Huskies lead down to one.

The period ended with the Muskies trailing the Huskies by a goal, however come the second period it was more of the same from Haliburton County. 11 seconds after the opening puck drop for period two, Stevens would beat Fraser again giving himself another goal on the night. Extending the to a nice and even two goals, the penalties taken by the Huskies would nearly come back to haunt them.

After both goalies bailed out their defense with two big saves at each end, Oliver Tarr was dinged for interference and sent to think about what he did for two minutes. Only a few second after, Thomas Johnston would find the back of the net cutting the lead back down to one.

With more physical play in bound, both Tarr and Gunnar VanDamme would receive back to back boarding calls for

their respective teams. With three minutes left, OJHL leading goal scorer Tarr was back at it again. Redirecting a shot from Stevens, Tarr netted his 14th of the year.

In between the periods, the team held a costume contest for the kids who came out in costume. In honour of the spookiest holiday of the year, the winner was a young lad in a delightfully scary Wolfman outfit!

With that all out of the way, the Huskies took back the ice to close out the third chapter of the rivalry in style. The Lindsay Muskies however, said not so fast. Lindsay's Danick Caron struck first just about halfway through, burying a screened shot on Cicigoi. The Muskies would pepper Cicigoi with shots, but the Thunder Bay, Ontario goalie stood tall.

The game winning goal would come off the stick of Richardson, as he buried a feed from Jack Staniland to put the Huskies back ahead 5-3. The Muskies knew

they were in trouble, pulling the goal and throwing everything they had at the Huskies. Killian Rowlee netted a deflection past Cicigoi to bring the Muskies back within one, but it was too little too late.

Haliburton County held on for their fourth straight win, second against Lindsay and third in a row on home ice. Christian Stevens was named the match's first star and received the honorary bomber jacket post game. Mentioning the importance of the Huskies four-game win streak, Stevens is excited at the chance to play in the county.

"We came out hot, so that always good in these kind of games," Stevens said. "A four-game win streak is big for us and it means a lot. If we keep this going I think we will have more to come, I'm excited to be here and it's going to be great."

Meanwhile for Richardson, it as all smiles under his mask during the post-game interviews. Potting his first two goals of the season, they couldn't have come at a better time for the Toronto native.

"It's been a slow start for me this year," Richardson said. "Two goals tonight is really good, bounces went my way and a great feed by Jack Staniland on the second one. Everyone put their full effort in tonight and it moves us closer to the top of the division which we love to see."

The Huskies hit the road to face the division leading Trenton Golden Hawks, Friday Nov. 5 at the Duncan Memorial Arena. Following that pivotal matchup, the Huskies will host the St. Michael's Buzzers the following day November 6 at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The Huskies lost to the Buzzers 3-2 in their last meeting so they will look to get revenge on home ice.

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# An interview with Canadian Folk Music Awards Contemporary Singer of the Year

ANDREA CONNELL

Special to the Echo

The first thing that strikes me listening to Coco Love Alcorn's most recent album *Rebirth* is her voice. Soulful and deep, resonating in my heart and my ears. If you do not find yourself clapping and shoulder swaying languidly to the music, please take a good look inside yourself.

Alcorn, who will be performing on stage at the Haliburton Legion Branch 129 on Nov. 13, has done a lot of that. Apparent by the lyrics in many of the songs on her latest album *Rebirth*, Alcorn is a person who is not afraid to look inside and express what she finds within.

The title song on *Rebirth* reflects this with the beautiful refrain, "Out of the hard times in life comes rebirth. Out of the hard times in life we grow." The words speak to difficulties we can all relate to: Painful experiences are unavoidable yet can lead to growth and better things ahead. It's an uplifting anthem conveying both the fact life comes with its share of knocks and we can emerge stronger as a result.

Alcorn's music, a combination of R&B, jazz, soul, folk and gospel won her the Canadian Folk Music Awards Contemporary Singer of the Year 2021. The win took her a little by surprise as she had been nominated for many awards over her 20 years in the industry, "Always the bridesmaid never the bride," joked Alcorn.

Music has always been a part of Alcorn's life; her grandmother was an opera singer. Her father, a jazz musician. Alcorn draws her inspiration for her music from life. "Life is always shifting. Do you find that?" she asks. Her strength



Coco Love Alcorn will be performing in Haliburton on Nov. 13. /Submitted

and caring about connection to others comes through when she offers that

observation. "I do find people and emotions and the way we think and the way we feel ... The way we connect is the most beautiful thing. How we connect with each other, nature, deeper parts of ourselves. Anything that feels connected. It is just interesting to me."

This introspective openness keeps Alcorn able to adapt to change readily. "We have to. But it is more interesting to me to react to what the world is throwing at me than to force a path. I like being a responder."

Despite being grounded from touring during the pandemic, Alcorn embraced the opportunity to be on her home turf. "Obviously it's a strange time for everyone on the planet. What I've been sort of feeling like is life is still happening. I'm having good days and bad days and ups and downs and whatever. All of life is still occurring. But there is just this constant processing that we are all doing of it being different and feeling disconnected." This is a challenge for someone who craves connection with her audience.

Before the lockdown began in the early

months of 2020, she had been touring a lot and with a 12-year-old daughter at home, it was hard to travel. The last two years have given her a chance to hit the "big pause button". "Feeling like a yo-yo, loving being at home and loving doing tours and performing but you are still flip-flop, not feeling rooted anywhere." There have been hard parts and parts that have been nice about slowing down.

One of the great things to come out of the forced hiatus from touring is Alcorn has been able to develop and expand her online choirs.

As it is in life many things come full circle. Seven years ago, due to a forearm injury, having had to give playing the guitar a rest, Alcorn picked up a ukulele, leading her to delve deeper into looping music. "Using a uke and loopers to layer my voice," was a big part of her 2017 album *Wonderland*. Looping involves repeating a piece of music seamlessly in the song, a format just right for choir singing. She jests that a friend noted, due to the injury, "I accidentally wrote choral music."

When a lot of choirs began singing her songs, Alcorn began to visit various choirs and invite members to sing with her. People asked her to offer vocal workshops and she fell in love with the world of community singing and thought she would like to continue to work on that.

Alcorn, who resides in Owen Sound, started a local in-person choir around three years ago before putting it on pause for a year to work on writing and recording *Rebirth*. Eight weeks into 2020, COVID-19 put the in-person gathering on hold. "Basically, I moved the choir to Zoom meetings weekly," and she invited singers from all over the world to sing with the group. The online groups have caught on and are well into the fifth 12-week online session taking place two days a week.

Alcorn is patiently waiting for the world to return to how it was before and is planning to continue working on her music in the meantime. "I see wanting to write more, make another record and doing things like what I am doing in Haliburton. I can see myself being happy leading a Zoom choir and once every month or two go somewhere and do a singing workshop and a concert."

Alcorn is offering a vocal workshop on the afternoon of the Nov. 13 concert from 2 to 4 p.m. before the concert. The workshop is open to anyone interested in singing. When asked what participants can expect Alcorn responded, "Honestly I am less of a planner and more of an in the moment person. I have no idea what is going to happen, but we're going to have fun."



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### Interact Club on Halloween

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club held a food drive at Head Lake Park. Among the volunteers on hand were from left, Lily Manning, Cassidy McMullen (Interact Club president), and Breanna Jones.

# Santa Claus is coming to town

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

The good news that Santa Claus is coming to town spread quickly last week. As soon as the health department lifted restrictions, that would have hampered the number of people in attendance, you could feel the excitement begin to build in anticipation of the big event. Santa will be the guest of honour at the 2021 Haliburton Santa Claus parade which is sure to be big hit again this year.

Santa will arrive in style on the float prepared especially for him. The float boasts hand carved reindeer and a special place for Santa.

A phone interview with Jim Frost confirmed that the plans for the day are well underway. Frost has been the parade's coordinator for about twenty years and he said that many parade participants who have been popular in the past are planning to return again this year. He added that there is always room for more participants to join the parade and float entries as well as marchers, dancers and other groups are welcome to come out and participate in the festivities.

Frost has fond memories of the parade going back to well before the time he took on the role of coordinator. When he first moved to the area, and before he had even closed on his house, he and his family took in the parade as one of the early introductions to the community. In those days it was a day time parade; and it eventually transitioned to a night parade several years ago. Frost said the response to having the parade as a nighttime parade has been fantastic.

The parade route will be the same as it has been in other years. Frost said, "The parade gathers at the intersection of Pine and George – the parking lot of Haliburton United Church is the place where entrants report in. The church is good enough to stay open so that some walkers may want to stay warm while waiting for the start. It travels south on Pine to Highland St. then west through the business section to York St. then turns north where it ends on York St."



The Santa Claus Parade, featuring Santa and his reindeer is expected to make its return, as seen here in a file photo from 2019. Last year, the pandemic forced Santa to visit with children at a distance at an event held at Curry Motors. /JENN WATT FILE

This event is hosted by the Haliburton BIA and many volunteers from the Lions Club join in to lend their support to the popular event. Frost expressed his thanks to the BIA, the Lions Club and the municipality for all of the collective effort that goes into making the event a success. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m., Friday Nov. 26 .

Those wishing to join in as participants in the parade can contact Jim Frost directly at (705) 457-4031 for more information.

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*Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir*

## Editorial right to disconnect

FOR SOME time now, it has been my belief that we should not speak about rights without also speaking about the corresponding responsibilities associated with those rights. We have become a society obsessed with our rights and blind to our responsibilities.

To be sure, rights are important, should be cherished, protected and fought for when sometimes they are threatened. Responsibilities however should be given similar weight and attention. Without the balance of responsibility, too narrow of a focus on rights can lead to a lopsided understanding of the way things work.

On Oct. 25 Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development introduced the *Working for Workers Act, 2021*. If passed, this act could act as a sort of check valve, to prevent work problems from flowing into home life, and home life problems from flowing into work life.

One of the features of the proposed legislation is the “right to disconnect” policy which companies with 25 or more employees would need to develop.

I am very supportive of policies that promote healthy work places, especially those that proactively promote good mental health. I was formerly in charge of training and development for a large West Coast forest products company and taught HR and psychology at the college level. My experience in these fields has convinced me that investment in developing a positive work environment for employees yields a huge return on investment.

The introduction of a right to disconnect policy is something that I heartily endorse as a positive move

that will benefit both employers and employees.

However, the act of disconnecting goes both ways. If employers are expected to show greater discretion in how and when they reach into the personal time of employees, employees must also show some responsibility in preventing their personal problems from flooding over into the workplace.

The occasion of this new proposed legislation might be a good opportunity for all of us to review the policies related to smart phones in the workplace. If employees are not

required to answer email after their appointed work hours, then maybe the corresponding responsibility is that employees deal with personal issues outside of work hours whenever possible.

There will always be exceptions to even the best rules and policies, however, when we focus on the responsibilities we have to our employers, coworkers and customers, it

is easier to judge whether an interruption is a legitimate emergency, or something that can be responded to after working hours.

One of the reasons some employers have been lax at establishing or enforcing smart phone policies is the fact that they know they have been pushing the limits on their employees. Now that employees are rightfully pushing back on some of the workplace intrusions, we might also have the responsibility to examine the how extensively personal issues end up interfering in some workplaces. An environment that respects both rights and responsibilities is much healthier than one that emphasizes only rights or only responsibilities. We need both.



katrina boguski

## Editorial



Autumn leaves sky

by Darren Lum

## A bear in the living room

MONIKA WAS in the kitchen when she heard it. A low growl, not very loud but there none-the-less. She looked around the door frame into the living room and saw her small dog in attack mode. He was perched on the back of the couch, paws braced on the window ledge as he stared outside. His growl meant there was something in the yard that he didn't like. Deer.

They were munching on apples that had fallen from the old tree by her shed. While too small and wormy for Monika, the deer loved them and every fall they had a feast. And no matter how many times the little dog tried to chase them away – until his leash ran out – they returned and he continued to growl. It was a predicable, recurring situation.

Most of the time it was does and fawns but lately an eight-point buck had appeared, always on his own. Monika wondered if he was one of the former fawns now grown. They were beautiful animals and over the months she watched the fawns change from spotted babies to half-grown adults. If she looked closely she could see that they didn't all look the same. Like not all German Shepherds looked the same, despite all being German Shepherds. Individuals, every one.

It wasn't unusual for Monika to see a car stop in the middle of the road to watch the deer munching on her apples. Usually it was people from the city who were not used to seeing these animals up close. But over the years Monika has seen many and not from the distance of a car. She could walk right up to them in her yard before they'd turn and high-tail it off a ways.

It hadn't always been thus. As a child, she had never even seen a deer. Their paths had been visible all around the family's property as the animals usually took the same route wherever they roamed. The grass and weeds would be shorter and flatter, leaves brushed off a branch, maybe even a slight indentation on the ground. But the deer had remained elusive. They were like the raccoons Monika heard down by the river at night but never

saw.

The deer liked to sleep in her backyard. She could see the circle of pushed-down vegetation where they curled up to rest. One night she was taking her dog for a bedtime walk and saw the reclining silhouettes of two deer against the night sky. They watched her walk by. The little dog was oblivious, more intent on the ground under his nose.

Monika had mixed feelings about the deer. On the one hand they were physically appealing with their large soft eyes and delicate legs. Remarkably quiet, she could walk right by them or they past her and not a sound would be heard. The families strolled down

the road or through her yard as though they had not a care in the world.

But they ate everything. Not just Monika's apples but her flowers, shrubs and vegetables were all on the menu if she didn't take steps to protect them. So she was conflicted. Wonderful to watch while also destructive in their habits.

And now it was deer hunting season. Years ago Monika had participated in a hunt, stand-

ing watch as the dogs were supposed to chase the deer to where the hunters waited with their guns. She had only done it once and while she thought she understood it, she never liked it.

In the old days, the hunt had provided much needed venison to help families get through long hungry winters. The hunters enjoyed a camaraderie, some having hunted together for years if not decades. Hunt camps were a great place to get away from their everyday life, enjoy the outdoors and the company of male friends and relatives. These days it was less about food and more about tradition. For some it was also the only holiday they took in a year, eagerly anticipated, with frozen meals provided by their wives and girlfriends.

As she watched the apple-eaters, her little bear-dog growling with indignation, Monika wondered how many would be returning next year. For better or worse.

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# points of view

## Roll playing

THERE ARE sentences that strike fear into the heart of even the bravest men. “Do you know what special day today is?”, immediately comes to mind. “I was thinking we should redecorate the house,” is another.

Last week, however, I heard a sentence that made those two seem as harmless as a pat on the head.

Like most frightening sounds, it emanated from our washroom. Which, coincidentally, was where my five-year-old grandson had just retreated to.

Shortly after, the words that sounded beyond that closed door were, “Oh boy! I think I have a big problem here!”

What was most concerning is that Hudson did not yell this. Instead, he muttered it quietly and stoically to himself. I only heard it because I was passing near the door.

This might not seem like a big thing but, if you know kids that age, it is. Yelling, you see, is better. For it signifies that the child understands that the problem is beyond his pay grade. Muttering it quietly, however, meant that Hudson was going to try and resolve the issue himself.

This would not have been nearly as horrifying if a) he had not previously announced, “I have to go poop.” And b) Hudson was not a five-year-old boy.

Clearly, fate had not dealt me a kind hand that day. For it was just Hudson and me, and whatever “big problem” was developing behind that closed door.

“What horror lies beyond that portal?” I whispered to myself.

I was in the midst of psychologically preparing myself for action, when I remembered the ace up my sleeve – I was the grandfather.

So, I took a deep breath and then recalled everything I have learned in my short grandfathering career. And then I remembered the cardinal rule.

“They are not your kids,” I said quietly. Then, as if I had stumbled upon one of life’s greatest secrets, I repeated it more happily, “They’re not your kids!”

Oh sure, we love them and want nothing but good things for them, but technically, they aren’t ours. They’re just ours for the good things and, hopefully, for short, comfortable periods of time.

For everything else, they belong to their parents. And, as such, their parents are the people who must deal with “big problems.”

Hey, I didn’t make up the rules.

Therefore, I did what any self-respecting grandfather would do. I went outside and called his parents, who were busy organizing their truck for the ride home.

“We’ve got a problem here. A big one apparently,” I yelled cheerfully.

“How bad could it be?” my son-in-law John replied as he stood beside my daughter.

“Well, he’s been in the washroom for a while,” I replied.

It was like watching the Roadrunner leave Wyle E. Coyote. There was a cloud of dust and a sonic boom. Next thing I knew, John was at the washroom door doing his best imitation of a police negotiator.

“Hudson,” he said calmly. “I hear that you’ve got a big problem.”

“Yup, it’s a really big problem,” Hudson replied.

“I am here to help,” John said. “Do you understand?”

“Yes,” Hudson said. “But there’s no need. I put most of it back where it should be already. It’s only a little messy.”

“Hudson,” John said, “I need you to listen to me. Slowly put your hands up in the air where I can see them. Don’t touch the problem anymore. I’m coming in.”

“But ...”

And before he could say another word, John bolted heroically through that door.

It turned out the big problem was that Hudson had unraveled the entire toilet paper roll. And then rolled most of it back, but only in a way totally acceptable to men.

He walked out with washed hands and his head held high.

Ironically enough, it was John and I who were most relieved.



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## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

Remembering the past: The cenotaph unveiling in Haliburton Village in 1919. Note the huge crowd and the remarkable number of cars (for the era). The photo also shows much evidence of the lumber industry in that day. Submitted by Hastings Highlands Museum

## Save our Grass Lake wetlands

### To the Editor,

There is a current proposal for the Grass Lake wetland to accommodate 88 condominiums on Peninsula Road. The three condominium buildings and a fourth lot about the filled in wetlands areas, and then are fronted by the remaining wetlands at the water’s edge. Four lots will be created. The wetlands is home for a Blanding turtle, snapping turtles, frogs, spring peepers, beaver, muskrat, great Blue Heron, Red-winged blackbirds, Loon nesting area, Mallards and Mergansers, a fish spawning area, water plants, and more. Are you a fisher-person, a walker, a naturalist, a biker, someone who walks their dog, a photographer of nature, any interested party, a hiker? This immense change will put increased traffic on Peninsula Road where the condos will be built at the turn off point from the main highway, clear up to 50% more trees, add pavement and additional grass, destroy more habitats for animals, birds, amphibians and plants over a more than 20 acre site.

Why we should not build on this Grass Lake wetland: Our children are taught in elementary school that our environment is important, endangered in some areas, and totally destroyed in others. Why are we adults not listening? Let’s help our local environment. Large or small, wetlands are an important part of the environment. From grades 1 through 8 one goal of the Ontario curriculum is “to relate science and technology to society and the environment”.

Grade 1: Needs and Characteristics of Living Things, Grade 2: Air and Water in the Environment, Grade 3: Soils in the Environment, Grade 4: Habitats and Communities, Grade 6: Biodiversity,

Grade 7: Interactions in the Environment, Grade 9: Sustainable Ecosystems and Human Activity (Ontario Curriculum Document).

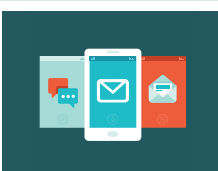
Environmental education is education about the environment, for the environment, and in the environment that promotes an understanding of, rich and active experience in, and an appreciation for the dynamic interactions of: The Earth’s physical and biological systems The dependency of our social and economic systems on these natural systems The scientific and human dimensions of environmental issues The positive and negative consequences, both intended and unintended, of the interactions between human-created and natural systems. Shaping Our Schools, Shaping Our Future: Environmental Education in Ontario Schools (June 2007), p. 6

The benefits of a natural wetland’s biodiversity far out-weigh building on a flood plain. Adding pavement with sand/salt winter run off is detrimental to any lake. 88 condominiums (three buildings) may possible include up to 100 vehicles with the resulting traffic load coming and going on a dead-end road. Can our sewage plant handle the increased hook-ups? Will drilled wells be able to supply water without affecting neighbours water flow?

Ask your children to share what they have learned about wetlands and environmental stewardship? Do they have ideas that care for wetlands?

By not taking a stand against building on a wetlands, is this the legacy you wish to leave the next generation? Do local wetlands and lakes not matter?

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# Memories of Afghanistan work gives hope for its future

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The way retired Toronto police officer Paul Vorvis stands surrounded by the lushness of the late-summer vegetation, lining the path that crosses his Haliburton home from Skyline Park, which overlooks the village is a stark contrast to the arid setting of Afghanistan where he worked, as part of the international community to train law enforcement officers in the mid-2000s.

This contrasting setting merely scratches the surface of what he experienced while working there during two deployments. His work in Afghanistan was aimed at making a difference and fulfilling the ideals of why he joined the police service in 1975.

It made seeing the images of people on his television attempting to flee Afghanistan before the Taliban arrived following the departure of the Americans on Aug. 30 all the more challenging. The member of the Toronto Police War Vets, who are police officers that have served overseas, had hopes the Taliban would come into power with less radicalized attitudes about governance than the last time. The Taliban swept to power unopposed and have since pulled rights back for people, particularly women.

Vorvis said the Taliban coming to power didn't surprise him, but he was shocked at how quickly the takeover happened.

He has hope that what he and other Canadians did in Afghanistan could be the seed towards enabling its residents to reclaim the country from the Taliban.

"All we can hope – from 2001 to 2021 – because people have a higher level of education and higher level of freedom that that will make a difference down the road," he said. "There's definitely hope, but it's up to the Afghan people to do what we built upon."

He adds the Canadian government's presence went beyond soldiers and police officers. There were foreign affairs projects implemented related towards infrastructure such as hydroelectric dams and the addition of pomegranate orchards.

"It was to give them a way of life and an alternative to [harvesting] poppies, but they could provide for their families. Once they had a taste of that you can only hope it will lead to better things in the future. Perhaps resistance to the Taliban."

More than a decade ago, Vorvis was a cop working in Toronto when the opportunity to go overseas and help with training Afghanistan law enforcement officers presented itself, as part of the International Peace Operation Branch of RCMP. The first deployment in 2009 was for nine months.

He took a plane from Toronto and landed in Dubai to start his first deployment in Afghanistan. He spent a week at a military camp just outside the city, adjusting with an orientation. Then he was transported by a twin-engine plane to the Kandahar air force military base.

"The first exposure was pretty interesting. We got in and there must have been a bit of a sand storm because the sky was all hazy. We got in at about two o'clock



Retired police officer Paul Vorvis stands on a high vantage point above Kabul during a deployment to Afghanistan, as part of an effort to train local law enforcement several years ago. He has hope that what he and other Canadians did will translate to change the country's current situation. /Submitted by Paul Vorvis

in the morning into Kandahar and it was pretty cold because of the desert conditions it gets cold at night. It was a totally alien landscape," he said.

He adds the Canadian police officers were organized into two groups in Afghanistan.

One group was based in Kandahar and the other was based in Kabul.

He and three other officers were sent to Kabul.

"We worked for the Canadian government, but we were seconded to local agencies, so the guys in Kandahar worked with the military down there and what happened is they both had our police officers, or the police officers in general would train the local Afghan national police and the military would train the army. So after our guys taught the police on community-based policing, rule of law, how to treat domestic situations, respect for the community, all those types of things, they would actually walk with the Afghan national police through Kandahar and some of the other smaller villages and

the military would provide a security bubble around our guys, as they would basically walk the beat with the Afghan national police," he said.

He clarifies that the "bubble" around the police officers consisted of an armed escort of military members, covering their front, sides and back.

Afghanistan wasn't the only place police from Canada have been deployed.

Police have been deployed, he said, to every location where armed forces have been.

"The police officers go to help develop the locals in terms of law enforcement, investigation, rule of law. All those types of issues. Toronto has had police officers in the Balkans, Sudan, Jordan, Haiti. Quite a few people have gone to Haiti. There were two officers – I think in this case were RCMPs – they were killed in the earthquake. They were there under the same program," he said.

For both of his deployments he was stationed in Kabul.

The second time he went following his retirement from the Toronto Police Services as an inspector in 2010 he went, as he described, as a "deputy chief" for EUPOL (or European Union Police Mission Afghanistan). EUPOL is comprised of police officers from European Union nations such as Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

With 13 EUPOL locations around the Afghanistan, he was responsible for coordinating the training activities

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# Helping others was motivation to serve in Afghanistan

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for each of the sites. The street patrols with Afghani officers was not part of the practice for European Union officers and was only exclusive to Canadian officers in Kandahar, which was risky, but beneficial, he said.

"You can teach somebody, but if you're not out there mentoring as they're actually doing the job then how do you know they're learning their lessons and implementing the lessons?" he said.

While in Kabul, he lived in a EUPOL compound that had everything needed for daily life, including cafeteria and office space.

For any outings into the community, he and his colleagues could go during their off time and would use the armoured SUVs with bullet proof glass.

"We always went armed. Even on our days off," he said, referring to carrying issued rifles.

Out of the compound visits were important to stave off "cabin fever," he said.

He visited well-known landmarks, the other military bases held by the British and Americans, who sometimes hosted markets with vendors operated by locals, who sold blankets, clothing, jewellery, and pirated DVDs.

Although there was a constant threat to safety, which came in the form of periodic rocket attacks on his compound and of the potential for a threat on the streets and roads while travelling, the most difficult thing about his deployments was thinking whether he and his colleagues could leave lasting change.

"There was danger anywhere. Particularly danger in areas where the military and the police weren't as strong. There was always a feeling the Taliban would eventually resurge and if they did you would know that it would all be for naught. Everybody recognized and knew there was a fairly high level of corruption, which was one of the things we were trying to deal with as well through EUPOL and the Canadian initiatives, but they were going to take direction and how they conduct themselves from their leadership and you always had the impression there was corruption all the way to the top," he said.

He adds everyone still did their best and hoped their work could have a lasting affect.

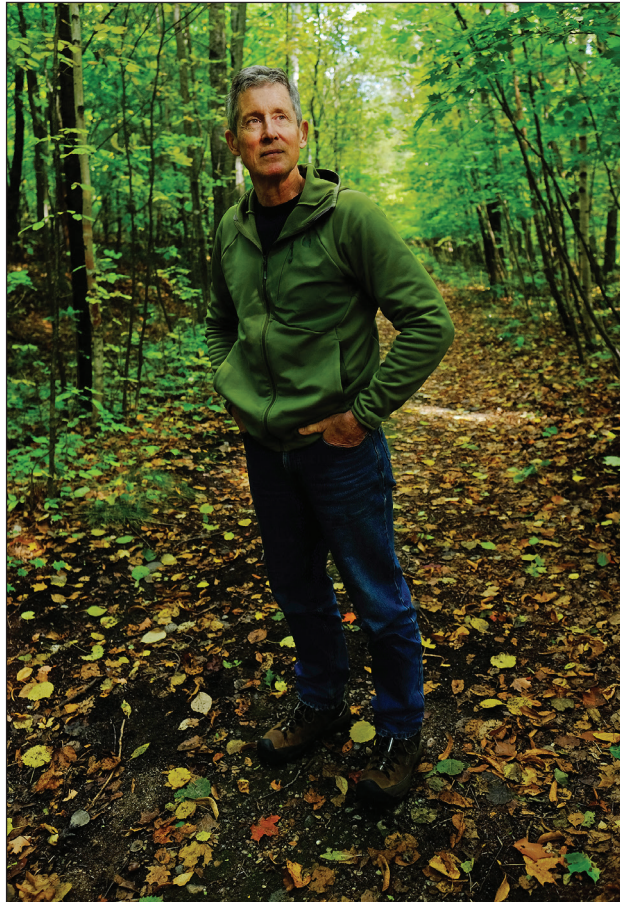
"All you can do is go home and know that you've done the best you can and it's up to them. You can only do so much," he said.

Vorvis said a major challenge to training was the conflict between what he and the international police were teaching and what the military was teaching the Afghanistan law enforcement officers.

"What they were training them to be was to be security. How to deal with threats. How to do safe roadblocks. How to predict possible terrorists, etc. We were trying to train them to be police officers, as we would recognize them in Europe or North America. That conflict sent out mixed messages sometimes. I don't think a lot of police bought into what we call community policing," he said.

The challenge with buy-in was related to the follow-

up, which could only be done on escorted patrols that



Haliburton's Paul Vorvis believes the work he did to help train law enforcement in Afghanistan during his two deployments several years ago may yield a brighter future without the Taliban. /DARREN LUM Staff

was only being performed by the Canadians.

"There was really no way to fully evaluate how effective the training was, unfortunately," he said. "All the other nations that had police officers there would not put out their officers walking because they'd be targets."

He said his motivation to go to Afghanistan in the first place was to continue his work to help others and to fulfill a desire for adventure.

"It was partly an adventure. It was partly the fact that it was the idealistic type of thing. Try to raise the standards in a country like Afghanistan," he said.

Before he went, he had read the book, the Kite Runner, a story set in Afghanistan, focusing on the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of a father's servant. The book seemed to come to life for him, as he saw scenes unfold before his eyes. In the preparation for the religious festival Eid al-Fitr, or the Festival of Breaking the Fast celebrated by Muslims, in May, he remembers seeing a man loading a live sheep into the

back of a car, or a group of children flying kites or watching people playing volleyball. Interactions were few and distant, but he still holds these visual reminders close.

"You get these snapshots of things you could see from a distance," he said.

There was a contrast of the modern and the ancient there that stood out for him.

"When we were there they were using a different calendar. The actual calendar year then was 1311, or something like that, we were in the twenty-teens. Everybody has a cell phone. The poorest looking person would have a cell phone and you could hear music when you were driving around. All those types modern conveniences, but at the same, if you go into a building like the police station there was no plumbing," he said.

Like other developing countries, it was common to see four people on a motor-scooter, or animals being herded in the city.

"You've got this juxtaposition of the modern and the ancient," he said.

Every police officer selected to go on these Afghanistan deployments was required to complete a rigorous selection process, which included physical tests, psychological counselling and an orientation with previously deployed officers to learn what to expect. Six weeks of arms training were dedicated to learning how to use the RCMP handguns and military rifles. During outings in the community, Vorvis said, he and his colleagues wore ceramic armoured vests and donned helmets.

Despite his role as a police officer there, he and his colleagues were virtually indistinguishable from the military, except for their shoulder patches.

He understood the risk of working Afghanistan, but saw value in what he was doing there.

The dangers of working in Afghanistan were all around. Examples of the impending threats will always be remembered, but it was an accepted risk and, really, is everywhere, he said.

"You're watchfully optimistic. I suppose is one way to put it. Any moment, whether you're in your compound or whether you're out in the public, or even in training that you could be under attack and you could be in harms way. There were a couple of incidents that in fact happened. At the same time, you do everything you can, as you do in life, to minimize. You're aware of your environment. You're careful of what you do. You drive your car. You put your seat belt on. I know we're talking about a different level of threat, but you put your seat belt on and you look both ways. When you cross the street because you know there could be a bus bombing down the street that's going to hit you. You're just careful. At the same time, for no rational reason - I've had friends - one guy in particular that built this house had worked for a contractor and was driving to work one morning and a cement truck came around the corner, slid on the road and hit him dead on and he was dead. Just like that. That can happen anywhere and any time," he said.

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# War Amputee Veterans Started 100-Year Legacy

Of the thousands of Canadian soldiers who were wounded while serving in the First and Second World Wars, many returned home missing limbs. United by a common bond of amputation, these veterans not only served their country during wartime, but they made a difference in the lives of generations of amputees that continues today.

In 1916, on the battlefields at Ypres in Northern Belgium, Sidney Lambert (1887 – 1971), a Lieutenant Colonel and Army Padre, lost his left leg above the knee.

While recovering at a hospital in Toronto, Lambert conceived of the idea of a national association to bring together, support and fight the battles for amputee veterans, today known as The War Amps. In 1920, he became the first Dominion President of the Association and worked tirelessly to bring veterans issues before the government.

It was these First World War amputee veterans, like Lambert, who welcomed the new contingent of amputee veterans following the Second World War, helping them adapt to their new reality and sharing all that they had learned.

One of these was Neil Conner (1918 – 2012) who served as a navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was injured when his plane was shot down near Bremen, Germany, resulting in the loss of his right leg below the knee.

Another was Bert Coulson (1921 – 1979) who served with the Canadian Army and lost both of his legs below the knee due to injuries sustained while serving in Emmerich, Germany.

Along with their fellow War Amps members, these veterans went on to provide support to civilian amputees. Coulson said the best way to help was to “roll up my pant leg and show them we can dance, bowl, hold down a normal job. It’s what you have left that counts.”

The War Amps veteran members established the Key



Sidney Lambert, Neil Conner and Bert Coulson

Tag Service, which is still going strong today, to fund the Association’s many vital programs for amputees across Canada.

Rob Larman, a Director at The War Amps and a leg amputee himself, said Mr. Lambert, Conner and Coulson proved that they would not let their amputation hold them back in all aspects of life.

“Though they considered themselves to be ‘ordinary guys,’ our founding veteran members have left a leg-

acy for generations of amputees that has gone on for 100 years and counting,” said Larman. “On Remembrance Day especially, but also throughout the year, we pay tribute to their sacrifice and service.”

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## History keeps repeating itself in Afghanistan

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However, in Afghanistan there were conflict risks.

He recalls a story about a member of an NGO, who had vehicle breakdown. While investigating the vehicle at the side of the road, a person threw a grenade under the vehicle and killed him.

Another incident included a diplomat, looking for a ride to Kandahar air force base with a military convoy. The armoured vehicle he was riding in hit an IED (Incendiary Explosive Device) on the way.

“He was killed all for a slice of pizza. These things can happen and sometimes you have no control over them” he said.

He adds taking a plane for travel has inherent risks and so we live with risk all the time.

Vorvis acknowledges there is a “spectrum of comfort” that is different for everyone.

Only a few years after he was last deployed the Canadian police pulled out.

Deployed officers were permitted breaks from Afghanistan after a few months to leave the country for weeks at a time. This included trips back to Canada.

“We did get out. I think it would be really hard to spend a full year in that environment without a break,” he said.

Being home there was always mixed feelings about it.

“You were so happy to be home you didn’t want to go back, but by the end of the three weeks or so that you were home you knew your friends and colleagues were back in Afghanistan still working hard trying to make a difference. You knew you had unfinished stuff that you

wanted to get done so you would look forward to going back,” he said.

Since the recent fall of Afghanistan, he’s thought of how there have been past super powers like the British that have gone to Afghanistan and then left.

“It’s just history keeps repeating itself over and over again,” he said. “It’s unfortunate. I thank my lucky stars we’re in Canada. You know.”

History is something that won’t be forgotten.

There was some 20 years of freedoms that a generation of Afghanis experienced after the Taliban lost power in 2001. Their control of the country was from 1996 to 2001.

The Taliban ruled with an strict interpretation of Islamic law and their past brutality was well-known. Sporting venues had been re-purposed for executions.

He remembers a soccer stadium was used for mass executions, and a pool with a high dive platforms, which included one of them some three stories up where the Taliban were known to have marched people up the stairs to the top where they would be executed.

For Vorvis the recent events of Afghanistan hasn’t diminished the value he garnered from his trips.

“We may have made an incremental difference that’ll pay off sometime down the road, but you don’t know what difference you’re going to make. But there was that living a different life and having an adventure and possibly making a difference did make it all worth while,” he said.

He continues, “We may not have seen the full payoff yet.”



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# Remembrance Day Services

## Haliburton Legion

Thursday, Nov. 11  
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Parade from the Haliburton Legion to the Cenotaph at 10:30 a.m.  
Cenotaph program at 11 a.m.  
Light refreshments at noon in the main hall.  
Any person or organization wishing to lay a Remembrance Day wreath, please contact the branch at 705-457-2571. Cost of wreath is \$35 (no name) or \$50 (name on wreath).

## Minden Legion

Due to COVID 19 social distancing restrictions there will not be an official public service at the County Cairn on Bobcaygeon Road. The Legion Colour Party and Executive will conduct the Act of Remembrance at 11 a.m. and the wreath laying ceremony will not take place. There will not be the usual social gathering at the branch.

## Wilberforce Legion

Small Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph adjacent to the Lloyd Watson Centre commencing at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11

## Kinmount Legion

Service at the cenotaph on Thursday Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.  
Following COVID protocols, wreaths will be laid in advance.

## Gooderham

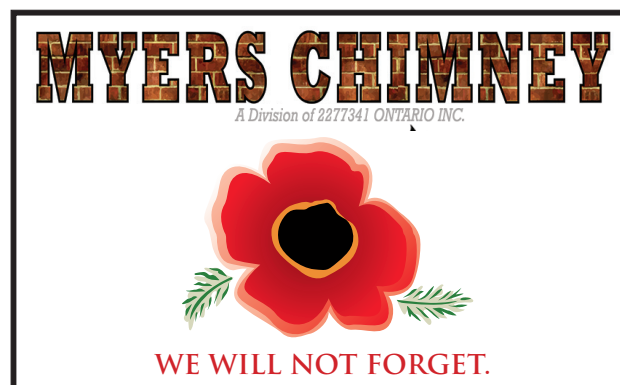
Service at the cenotaph on Thursday Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.  
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## Burnt River

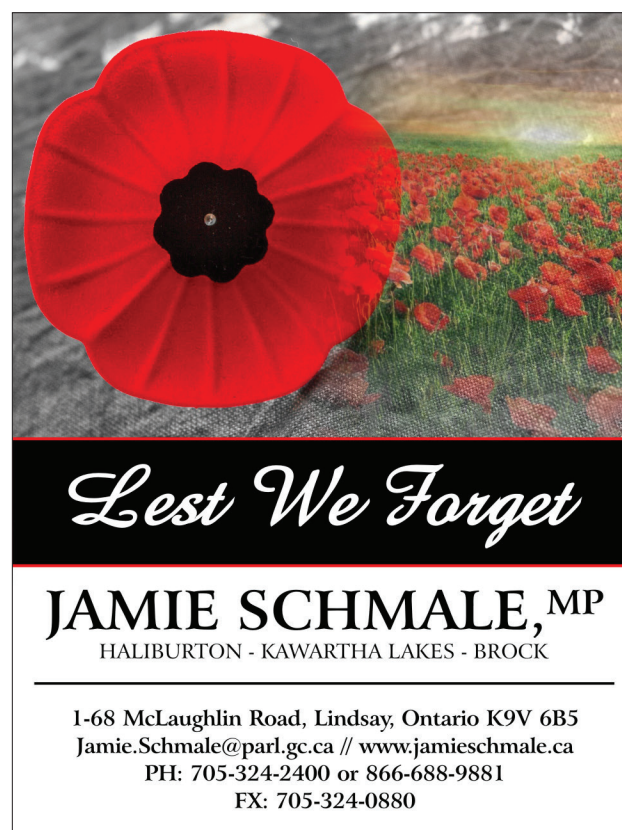
Service at the Burnt River Cemetery Thursday Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.  
Following COVID protocols, wreaths will be laid in advance.

## Gelert

Service at the Gelert Cemetery Thursday, Nov. 11 at 12:30 p.m.  
Following COVID protocols, wreaths will be laid in advance.



LEST WE FORGET  
REMEMBRANCE DAY





# A forgotten war hero of the First World War

Submitted by Gareth K. Kellett, historian

Our story began with a plaque and my curiosity as a historian.

The plaque is one of many on the walls of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden. No one takes much note of them until I began to investigate while researching the history of the church for its 150th anniversary. During Remembrance Day services, Alexander's name was never mentioned when the scroll was read. Why, then, was the plaque there? What was his connection to the church? Why was his name not included with others from the church who gave their lives during the various wars?

Lieutenant Alexander McKay Scott was a casualty of the First World War. He was a young man from the Minden area – Gelert – who fought, died and was buried in France. Very little is mentioned about him again. This possibly happened as he enlisted in Lindsay and not here. His parents, Alexander J. Scott and Marjorie C Scott (Hartle), lived in Gelert in the early nineteen hundreds. They were members of St. Paul's Anglican Church. Following the war his parents had a plaque erected in the church in his memory and it is still there some one hundred years later. Two questions have been answered. We know the connection to the church. There doesn't seem to be any reason for the exclusion of his name from the Remembrance Day plaque.

It would appear that Alexander didn't spend much time in the Minden area. When he joined the army, was listed as serving in the 45th Victoria Regiment and four years in the cadet corps as past experience. Also, he was shown to be on the payroll of the 109th battalion CEF on Dec. 27, 1915.



Historian Gareth K. Kellett was curious about a plaque on the wall of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, which led him to research the history of Lieutenant Alexander McKay Scott (seen here), who was a casualty of the First World War. /Photo submitted

His father was a member of Arcadia Masonic Lodge and in February 1916, Alexander was initiated into masonry, followed by being passed to the 2nd degree in March and being raised to the 3rd degree in April. That was the last time he attended lodge as he joined the 109th battalion in Lindsay on May 23, 1916 as a lieutenant.

On Aug. 23, 1916, he embarked on the SS Olympic in Halifax and landed in Liverpool on Aug. 30, 1916. This is the same ship that carried the young men from Minden who had enlisted with the 109th which included my uncle Moss Kellett



Lieutenant Alexander McKay Scott was a casualty of the First World War. He was a young man from the Minden area – Gelert – who fought, died and was buried in France. /Submitted photo

one month earlier.

After disembarking at Liverpool, England, he transferred to the Canadian Military School. In October he was transferred to the 21st Battalion. He arrived in France on Oct. 27 and joined the Battalion in Calonne and was assigned as a Platoon Commander of B Company. He took a "sniper" course. He developed some major health issues and spent several months in hospital. Finally discharged in December, rejoined the 21st in January. Took another course then back in hospital in May 2, 1918. He was discharged on May 15 and declared fit for duty. He

rejoined the Battalion on June 16, 1918. While attacking German-held trenches near Heninel, France on Aug. 26, received shrapnel wounds, back in hospital. He was declared fit for duty on Sept. 7, 1918 and immediately rejoined his battalion on Sept. 16, 1918.

On Oct. 11, 1918, exactly one month prior to the war ending, he was killed in action at the battle of Avesnes-le-Sec. As well 13 officers (three fatal) and 313 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing. He is buried in the Niagara British Cemetery at Iwuy, France, row C20. He was only 25 years old.

Following the war he was awarded The British War Medal, The Victory Medal, The Plaque (Dead Man's Penny) a Scroll and The Memorial Cross which were sent to his parents.

The following was said of him and printed in the Battalion War Diary:

*Lieut. A.M. Scott joined the battalion on Oct 27th, 1916 and was a platoon commander in "B" Company. His work has been most thorough and consistent. He was a most excellent officer in and out of the lines. In April and May of this year he particularly distinguished himself on successful patrols, which he conducted in No Man's Land on the NEUVILLE VITASSE and MERCATEL fronts. His brother officers and men will remember him as one of the most loyal and courageous officers.*

As well it was said A.M. Scott, the silent but ever smiling boy, who would wear only a trench coat and carried a walking stick when he went over the top.

With his name now inscribed on the cenotaph, he will now be remembered each year on Remembrance Day by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636, by St. Paul's Anglican Church and by Arcadia Masonic Lodge #440. He will be remembered.

## Haliburton County Public Library reads for Remembrance

**Lost in September** by Kathleen Winter  
Inspired by real-life wartime letters, the story follows General James Wolfe as he camps out on the streets of modern-day Quebec City, trying to remember and reclaim his youth.

**Testaments of Honour: Personal Histories of Canada's War Veterans** by Blake Heathcote

Veterans of the Second World War

share their experiences of war in order to remember and honour comrades lost, to understand themselves and be understood by others.

**The Secret History of Soldiers: How Canadians Survived the Great War** by Tim Cook

Tales of daily life from Canadian soldiers in the Great War, mined from the letters, diaries, memoirs and oral accounts

of more than five hundred combatants.

**Tides of Honour** by Genevieve Graham  
Heartrending and enthralling, *Tides of Honour* is a novel of love and second chances set against Halifax's most devastating moment of the First World War.

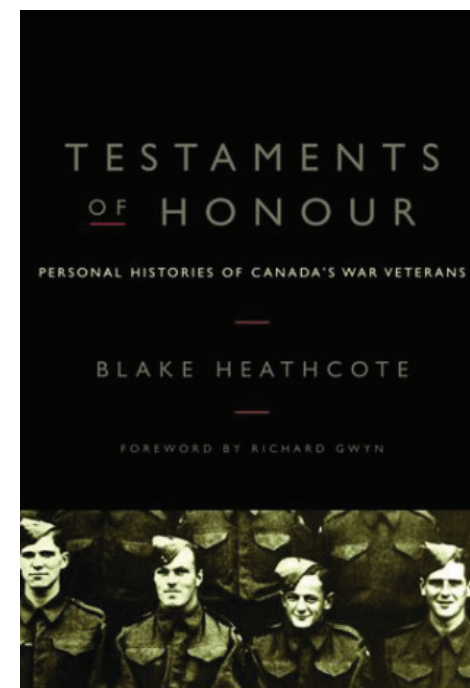
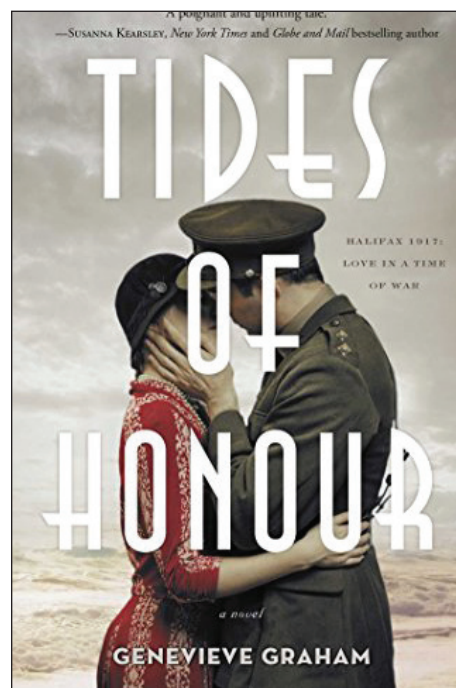
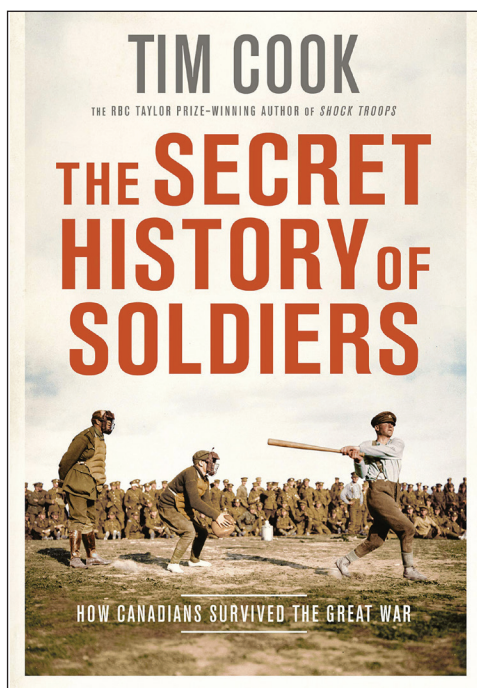
**Unflinching: The Making of a Canadian Sniper** by Jody Mitic

This memoir follows Jody Mitic's per-

sonal journey into the Canadian military,

through sniper training, and firefights in Afghanistan, culminating on the fateful night when he stepped on a landmine and lost both of his legs below the knees.

- Submitted by the Haliburton County Public Library





# Seventeen come Sunday

(Remembering Dad)



Norman F. Reed just before he joined the RAF to train to fly. Born in Braintree, Essex, England. He was still training at 17 at when WWII ended. He was Deborah Reed's father and the inspiration for this poem.

Miss my Dad, ancestry proud  
Not once did he a fighter plane  
Need pilot, though for that he'd train  
Until his life to war endowed

Exactly at age seventeen  
He learned in 1945  
That he would get to stay alive  
Not in the Air Force reconvene

Though several of his classmates  
passed  
To serving King in uniform  
Dad's young age saved him the storm  
War was over: King broadcast

Idyllic country fields now stretch  
Sun sets whole, not scarred by tanks  
Smoke and trenches gone; young ranks  
Fed hopeful futures to this sketch

We too managed seventeen  
And much beyond: Remembrance Day  
Was when Dad's words would go  
away  
We're here now: his peace machine

By Deborah Reed



## A caring tribute to Wear Purple Day

Haliburton Wee Care wore purple Oct. 27 to help and support children and their families in our community. Clockwise from top left, Morgan, Jamie Courtney, Fatima, Robbie, Kristie, Marie, Denise, Tanya, Becca, Carleigh. A statement from Wee Care said, "We strive to build strong relationships with the children, youth and families we serve taking an anti bias approach and showing the community we all have a role to play in the lives of the children and youth in our society. "It takes a village to raise a child" is a concept that has never been more important than it is now." /Submitted

# SPCA Commemorative pins help support animals and the Royal Canadian Legion

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

Recently, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society released a new commemorative "Animals in War collectible pin." These pins are in a series and this year's edition features a cat. The pins are available from now until Remembrance Day and they were created to honour the wartime contributions of animals.

According to a press release from the SPCA, "This year a cat was chosen to represent the sacrifice made by animals who served, and continue to serve, alongside Canada's veterans. Cats served as companions during wartime and kept ships free of vermin."

It adds, "Funds from the sale of the pin help provide care for animals in need, as well as support veterans. From each pin sold, \$1 is donated to Royal Canadian Legion branches to support veterans."

The sale of pets skyrocketed during the pandemic as people reached out to

animals as a source of comfort in these uncertain times. If animals have meant so much to people living in the comfort of their homes this past while, one can only imagine how much their presence would have meant during a time of war.

Doug Brooks, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is quoted as saying, "On November 11, we remember all those who served, including the animals who stood bravely alongside our veterans. By wearing the Animals in War pin alongside your poppy this Remembrance Day, you are remembering the courage and sacrifice of our veterans and the animals who gave everything for us."

In considering the number of animals in the series, the important role animals played during wartime service becomes evident. The SPCA stated, "The first Animals in War pin was launched in 2017 and the collection includes a horse, a dog, a limited-edition pin in honour of the women who have served in Canada's military, a pigeon, and now a cat. The animal



Commemorative pins support SPCA and Royal Canadian Legion. /Submitted

on the pin symbolizes the wartime contributions of all animals. Mules carried artillery, horses transported troops and hauled field guns, pigeons delivered crucial messages, cats served as companions and kept ships free of vermin, and dogs

have served as messengers, medical assistants, bomb detectors and search and rescue workers."

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Countless Thanks



# Victim of dog shooting pleads for answers

KATRINA BOGUSKI

Editor

As most of Haliburton knows by now, an unfortunate and terrifying incident that took place on Oct. 21, which many people are still struggling to understand. The people most affected by the tragedy were Lacey Finch and her boyfriend Justin Hutchison; and they more than anyone are still looking for answers.

In a phone interview with the *Echo*, Finch explained that she and her boyfriend were barbecuing on their property when they realized that their dogs were not in sight. It was not uncommon for the dogs to wander into the bush around their property, but they were never gone for very long, and they always came back when called. On this evening, around 7 p.m., the dogs failed to respond to their names being called.

The couple had heard gunshots a few minutes before and Hutchison went to look for the dogs. He eventually discovered that the two dogs had been shot at close range and their dead bodies covered over with sticks. Additionally, their collars were removed.

According to a press release, issued by the OPP, the incident is still under investigation. The statement released said, "This matter is still under investigation and police are asking that anyone with information please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122..."

The it added, "Since the incident



Hunter and her pup Nova were shot and killed Oct. 21. /Submitted by Lacey Finch

occurred police have become aware of social media posts discussing the matter. The OPP would like to remind the public that the person responsible for this has not been positively identified by police. The Haliburton Highlands detachment will be investigating any incidents that appear to be in response to this shooting."

Finch says that with so many unanswered questions, she still feels unsafe. She has increased security around her

home and property and is grateful for the massive outpouring of support that has come from the community. Finch said, "I don't want this to happen to anyone ever again"

While she is grateful for the positive support, she is disappointed and surprised that the online conversation about the incident has included some statements that do not at all reflect how she would like to see the situation handled.



While she wants justice for her dogs, Hunter and Nova, she does not want violence or vigilante actions. She said, "As locals we need to stick together. I am not out for bloodshed. I am not out to boycott local businesses."

She added that her fight is about trying to make it so that this doesn't happen to anyone else; it is not about seeking further violence.

If you have any answers that could help the OPP with their investigation or that could bring some closure to the incident for Finch, you can also contact Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)."

## Every child and youth deserves permanency and lifelong connections

Adoption Awareness Month takes place in November and is an opportunity for Children's Aid Societies to work towards increasing public awareness about the role they can play in helping young people achieve permanency through adoption. We believe every child deserves to experience permanency and lifelong connections.

Adoption is one of a number of permanency options that Children's Aid Societies consider when looking for life-long connections for children in care. Kin-

ship service, kinship care, customary care, legal custody, and adoption are all options that are considered when making decisions about what is the best placement for a child or youth.

Every child deserves to be with their family of origin. Keeping children with their families, in their culture and in their communities is our priority. However, we also realize that that's not always possible. When it is not, the child deserves a family that is a good fit for them.

Finding the right adoption match

for children and youth who have come through a Children's Aid Society requires finding adoptive parents who share the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds of our children and youth and finding families that also have the strengths and skills to deal with children who may have complex needs, siblings and open adoption relationships with their family of origin. It continues to be challenging to find families who are ready, willing and able to meet the needs of older children, large sibling groups or those with complex medical, developmental and behavioral needs. Sometimes the search for the right match for a child can take time.

Last year, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) announced the government's strategy to redesign the child welfare system by focusing directly on the needs of children and youth and by creating solid foundations to support strong families. The redesigned system will support the development of lifelong connections and supports for children and youth through stable, permanent homes wherever possible in family-based placements such as customary care, kinship service, kinship care and adoption. "Strengthening the public adoption system means connecting more families and children together and providing equitable supports to those families when they need it", says Karen Kartusch, Manager of the Regional Adoption Program for Highland Shores Children's Aid, Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society and Durham CAS.

"All children have the right to be part of a permanent, loving family. The benefits of maintaining lasting family connections are numerous and all young people, including those in care, need to benefit from them. A strong public adoption sys-

tem is essential to ensure that our children and youth have the opportunity to find a forever family. These changes will offer a more consistent and responsive adoption experience for children, youth and families", says Kartusch.

"Much of the child welfare redesign of adoption work is well underway. This work will bring new standards of practice to adoption work across the province and will aim to provide more clarity about available children and clarity about the adoption process for families considering adoption. In the end, the goal is to find the right families for children and connect them as quickly as possible", says Kartusch.

The number of children and youth in extended society care and available to be adopted has decreased over the last five years because the primary goal of children's aid societies is focused on supporting children to live safely in their own homes. "This is a good news story for our children and youth" says Kartusch. "This means that fewer children are coming into our care in the first place and for those that cannot return home to their family of origin, we are able to find permanent lifetime connections out of foster care for these children and youth to flourish".

If you are interested in learning if adoption is right for you, contact Highland Shores Children's Aid, [www.highlandshorescas.com](http://www.highlandshorescas.com), Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society, [www.khcas.on.ca](http://www.khcas.on.ca) or Durham Children's Aid Society, [www.durhamcas.ca](http://www.durhamcas.ca). Families can also learn more about adoption on the Adoption Council of Ontario website, [www.adoption.on.ca](http://www.adoption.on.ca).

Submitted by Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society



### Traffic slowdown

An accident at the intersection of Highland and Cedar Street in Haliburton last Friday afternoon. /KAREN LONDON Staff





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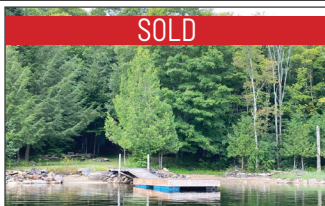
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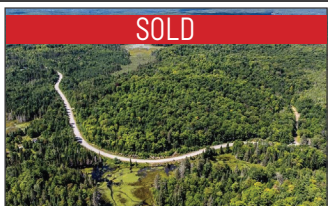
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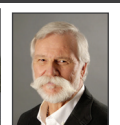
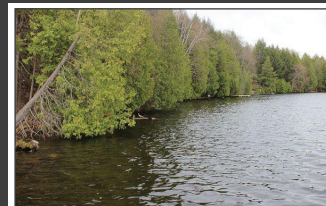
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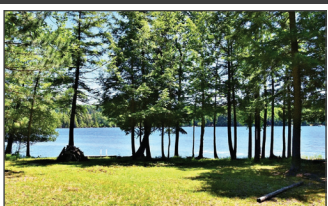
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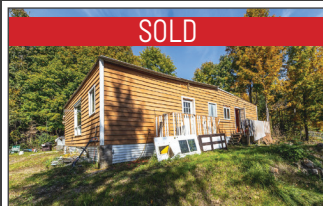
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**HHSS student recognized for combating climate crisis**

From left, Visual arts teacher, Kathryn Darling, vice-principal, Jennifer Mills, student and contest winner, Taylor Horsley, past president of Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) District 18 Roberta Fuller, TLDSB Trustee, Gary Brohman, principal Chris Boulay and director of TLDSB Wes Hahn. On Oct. 26, members of the RTO District 18 visited (HHSS) to recognize the school's Combat Climate Crisis Poster Contest winner. The project was inspired by the Board's G7 Student Senate Climate Change Action Plan. A tree was planted on the school property with an engraved plaque. /Submitted



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**Time is running out  
for a healthy and  
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The Global Day of Action for Climate Justice (COP)  
When? Nov. 5, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Where? County Administration Office  
11 Newcastle Street, Minden  
What to bring: signs, noise makers, masks

Come out and join us as we send our message to our local government that the climate crisis is an 'emergency' and we want more local action NOW! We have invited Korey McKay, Climate Change Coordinator, County of Haliburton and other pertinent staff and politicians to share the specific actions that are being taken locally to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. Our community needs to be informed!

Our goal is to raise awareness about: the importance of COP26, Canada's pledge to reduce greenhouse gases by 2030 and how residents of Haliburton will be affected.

Please feel free to put up a sign at your home or in your community if you cannot attend.

This event is sponsored by Environment Haliburton and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County.

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# Shoreline preservation bylaw final report presented to council

NICK BERNARD

*Special to the Echo*

The County of Haliburton has nearly reached the conclusion of their five-year goal of creating a new shoreline preservation by-law.

The two firms assigned to consult on the bylaw made a presentation summarizing their findings to county council during its Oct. 27 meeting. After discussion, council agreed to hold a special meeting to focus on the final review exclusively, with the date to be determined.

In their presentation, representatives from Hutchinson Environmental Services, and J.L. Richards and Associates distilled their nearly 900-page report into a 15-minute presentation highlighting their experiences and recommendations.

The original goal of the bylaw was, according to the county website, to strengthen existing controls over waterfront development in the County of Haliburton. Following the creation of a draft bylaw, both firms were brought in to review it over a five-month period, leading to the final report presented to county council last Wednesday.

As part of their mandate, established in May, the review and public consultation with the public took a two-phased

approach.

The first phase included a preliminary review period, where the firms looked at existing legislation and scientific literature, and collected feedback from residents and other stakeholders through an open house, a survey, and in-person interviews. The two firms presented their findings from that phase to council at their Aug. 25 meeting.

The second phase included a second round of public review, beginning in July with more interviews, another open house, and a second survey period in early October. From there, the firms were able to collate their data, and submit their review to county council shortly ahead of the Oct. 27 meeting.

The presentation detailing the firms' findings was led by Jason Ferrigan, Senior Planner at J.L. Richards and Associates.

"We've moved heaven and earth to get to you here today with our final report," Ferrigan told council at the start of the presentation before characterizing the response from the public. "We've been met with wonderful feedback and suggestions for places of improvement ... I think what we've heard from [the residents of Haliburton County] is that people obviously understand, and they value, the lakes and they're concerned about lake water quality."

But, he said, there are varying opinions about things like the need for shoreline preservation, as well as details like the buffer zone length between the shoreline and any future developments. Between the options of 10-, 20-, and a 30-meter buffer zone, the firms recommended the existing zone length of 30-meters.

Other findings include:

- The recommended areas of application for the bylaw, which the firms suggested extend not only to lakes, rivers, and streams, but also to ponds and other natural features.

- What kind of disputes and other issues involving the bylaw can be referred back to council directly.

- The method through which residents, business owners, and the county itself can transition to be in compliance with the bylaw. In this case, an application-based approach was recommended.

On the third point, Ferrigan explained: "It was deemed a way for the community to grow into the bylaw requirements over time."

The report itself is 827-pages long, and includes an exacting explanation for the firms' methodologies, as well as comments received from the public through the surveys and through social media. The surveys, Ferrigan clarified, were

based on the number of responses, and were not representative of any specific majority view.

"It is reflective of those who complete the survey," Ferrigan said, "but it isn't necessarily representative." But all in all, he said, there was "really high engagement" from the community on the matter.

There was a brief discussion among county council following the presentation, with councillors expressing the need for more time to review the substantial 827-page report.

Praise was also directed to Ferrigan and the rest of the consultation team, which included Gaurang Khandelwa of J.L. Richards and Associates, and Brent Parsons and Andrea Smith of Hutchinson Environmental Services.

"Thank you for the process," said Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin. "It's been a long haul, but I think there's a lot of information here for ourselves and the public to address." He further complimented the open and transparent process of collecting public feedback.

"I think you guys have brought a tremendous amount of clarity and some intelligent detail [to the process]," agreed Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall, echoing Devolin's sentiment.

## Community climate action plan released

STEPHEN PETRICK

*Special to the Echo*

Warmer summers, milder winters, longer heat waves and increased risk for vulnerable populations, such as seniors, the poor and people without good housing.

That's what Haliburton County officials expect for the area over a span of decades as climate change continues to impact the planet.

Those warnings were laid out in a report that was released recently, as part of the county's Community Climate Action Plan. The report, titled Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Local Climate Projections, was released to Haliburton County council and its partnering municipalities last month. It calls on the community to develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and "build climate resilience."

It included a wealth of statistics about the carbon footprint Haliburton County leaves.

It said that in 2019, the community emitted 299,522 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. (For context, 1 tonne of carbon dioxide is equal to 4,000 kilometres driven by a passenger vehicle.)

County residents also spent more than \$161 million on energy. That equates to \$4,085 per person annually.

One goal of the committee overseeing the plan is to help residents become less dependent on non-environmentally friendly energy consumption, for the sake of both the environment and their own finances.

"Ensuring that energy is affordable should be a central focus of the community climate action plan," the report says. "Addressing emissions from home heating should first involve reducing heating demand through building envelope improvements, followed by decarbonizing sources of heating. Technologies are available for efficiently and affordably heating and cooling homes and

businesses with a low carbon footprint (such as biomass district energy and heat pumps). Introducing natural gas infrastructure in the community would lock-in (greenhouse gas emissions) for decades to come."

Keeping emissions low in Haliburton County is also difficult because it's a rural community, with lots of roads for driving, the report notes.

"Transportation emissions account for 70 per cent of community (greenhouse gas) emissions. As a geographically large and rural community (4.4 people per square kilometer), private vehicles are the dominant mode of transportation in the County. In total, it is estimated that \$92,622,860 was spent on fuel for on-road transportation in 2019," the report states.

The report also gives detailed statistics on how climate change is projected to impact the area in the coming years. The data is based on projections by Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Prairie Climate Centre and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction.

It states that "generally, the weather in Haliburton County is expected to get warmer, wetter and wilder."

"As the global average temperature increases, the County of Haliburton will see higher average temperatures and more extreme heat waves. The average annual temperature could increase by over 4C toward the end of the century," the report states.

It also says, the county will likely see "more variable weather conditions and extreme weather events due to increased energy in the atmosphere from increased temperatures. This results in an increase in storms, including ice storms, snow storms and thunderstorms."

On the topic of water, the report says "water levels in our lakes and rivers will experience increased variability and extremes. Warmer weather increases evaporation and reduced ice cover extends the amount of time in the year that evaporation occurs. More extreme precipitation events and rapid snow-

melt will increase water levels and lead to more frequent flooding. Droughts may occur with longer dry spells in between extreme rain events."

The report was presented by Korey McKay, Haliburton's Climate Change Coordinator.

While presenting the report to Dysart et

al council on Oct. 26, she said an important next step is for the county to develop an advisory groups that could include local municipal leaders, public health experts, business leaders and educators. That group would then make recommendations on how the county can reduce emissions.

## Dysart passes Covid vaccination policy

STEPHEN PETRICK

*Special to the Echo*

Those who work for or with the Municipality of Dysart et al will soon be asked to show they're fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but those who aren't won't likely be fired.

This is a result of a policy passed by the municipality at its Tuesday, Oct. 26 virtual meeting.

The policy states that "all employees, council and committee members, volunteers, students and contractors that work in direct contact with Dysart employees, will be required to attest to being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or having a medical exemption or other exemption under the Human Rights Code."

The policy is expected to come into effect around the start of December. Once in effect, those workers will have 30 days to show they're in compliance. However, the policy is not as strict as some big city organizations, which are not letting unvaccinated employees work. For instance, the Toronto Transit Commission is reportedly expected to put more than 2,000 unvaccinated employees on leave.

Dysart workers who don't comply will instead be asked to participate in a "weekly rapid testing program" to ensure they're not a Covid risk.

That issue sparked some discussion at the meeting. Councillor John Smith, who

eventually voted against the policy, asked why the municipality wasn't proposing a stricter policy in which vaccinations are mandatory.

Chief Administrative Officer Tamara Wilbee said the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has asked local organizations to put vaccination policies in place, but hasn't insisted on mandatory vaccinations. Staff then, sensing that most employees would be vaccinated already, opted to write a policy that they believed would reduce the risk of thorny legal issues.

"We feel we will get a better rate of compliance through education, than mandate," Wilbee said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts told council that "termination for non-compliance is very, very risky."

She said that organizations that terminate employees for not being vaccinated could face legal or union battles, and it's not yet clear who will win those battles.

When a recorded vote on the policy was called, it passed with Smith as the only dissenter

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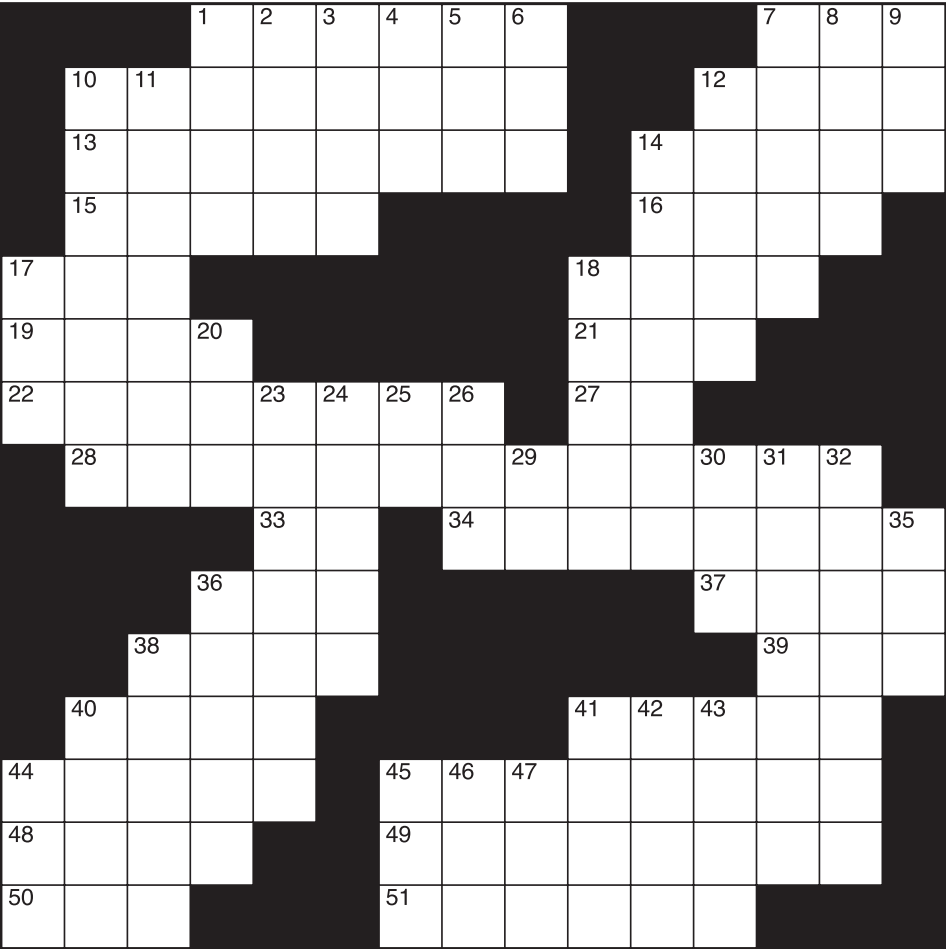
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  - 7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
  - 10. A Sultan's court
  - 12. Maine city
  - 13. Largest living land animal
  - 14. Appetizer
  - 15. Encounters
  - 16. Leader
  - 17. The source of bacon
  - 18. Nuclear near reach weapon (abbr.)
  - 19. Celery (Spanish)
  - 21. Pie \_\_\_ mode
  - 22. Eye disease
  - 27. Hello (slang)
  - 28. Those in their 80s
  - 33. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
  - 34. Business organizations
  - 36. Mimic
  - 37. For indicating speed of rotation (abbr.)
  - 38. Feeling
  - 39. Visual way to interact with computers (abbr.)
  - 40. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
  - 41. Essential oil used as perfume
  - 44. Norwegian composer
  - 45. Coast
  - 48. \_\_\_ lang syne, good old days
  - 49. Gland behind the stomach
  - 50. Tooth caregiver
  - 51. King of Camelot
- CLUES DOWN


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  - 3. Root of out
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  - 5. Atomic #50
  - 6. Habitual drunkard
  - 7. Arabic for "peace"
  - 8. Trickery
  - 9. One's physique (slang)
  - 10. Not quite there
  - 11. Wistfully mournful
  - 12. Popular dance
  - 14. Cut of meat
  - 17. A way to stand
  - 18. "Gunga Din" screenwriter
  - 20. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
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  - 24. Utah town
  - 25. Of I
  - 26. Actress de Armas
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  - 30. Play a role
  - 31. \_\_\_ Falls
  - 32. Attaches to
  - 35. Japanese title
  - 36. Expressed pleasure
  - 38. Buckets
  - 40. Dirt
  - 41. Hypnotists' group (abbr.)
  - 42. Restaurant drive-\_\_\_
  - 43. Digs up
  - 44. He voices "Olaf"
  - 45. Relaxing place
  - 46. Body part
  - 47. Pesky house critter

Answers on page 14



**Honouring firefighters years of service**  
Left to right is Councillor Cam McKenzie, Captain Barry Dickinson and Mayor Dave Burton. Barry Dickinson is receiving his 25 year Long Service Medal and a 30-year Service bar. /Submitted by Chris Baughman



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT  
TO  
ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021
- TIME: 9:05 am
- LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Application:

Lands of Smith & Hamilton

- Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Rural Type 2-1 (RU2-1) Exception Zone to Rural Type 2-1 (RU2-1) Exception Zone to define the required minimum water setback of 300.0 metres for a *Leaching Bed* to Kashagawigamog Lake. All other provisions of the Rural Type 2-1 (RU-2-1) Exception Zone will continue to apply.
- Location: 3242 Kashagawigamog Lake Road, and legally known as Part Lots 6 and 7 CON 6, Parts 1 to 3 RP 19R8169, In the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

**There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at [mbishop@dysartetal.ca](mailto:mbishop@dysartetal.ca).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at [korsan@dysartetal.ca](mailto:korsan@dysartetal.ca).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS:** Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

**Dated** at the Township of Dysart, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

Kris Orsan, CPT, Senior Planner  
Planning and Land Information  
Municipality of Dysart et al  
135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0  
Phone: 705-457-1740 ext. 626  
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# Ghoul-friends, don'tcha know

WHY IF GHOULS weren't out early this year, in candy shops, the post office, grocery stores, Twindle Mumbly's Taxidermy and Haberdashery store. Everywhere you looked – chalky white faces with dark circled eyes, nooses around necks, rubber knives through catsup bloodied hearts. And these were just the grownups.

Chocolates and gummy bears, taffy and Caramilk bars were bartered for. Trick or Treat? What, no trick?

All this and it was 8:30 p.m. when a great pounding at my cottage door startled ol' Maybelle, shaving two years off my life, don'tcha know. It was not the type you'd expect from little kids wanting peanut butter cups. It continued because all my good friends knew that I was in my flannel pajamas nursing a rotten cold. Yes, a COLD, during a pandemic (which boggled my wee brain) and I just wanted to stay where the tissue was. So, who could it be?

Pound, pound, pound, pound, pound.

Why, if ol' Maybelle didn't just drag myself from my bed to the window. Whose car is that behind Brewster, my truck?

More pounding. Oh boy. I shuffle to the door.

## Maybelle's



## Fireside stories

"Who is it?"

"Trick or Treat!"

Reluctantly, I open it.

Standing before me is my oldest friend, Bette. Her face is painted ghoulishly white, and tire tracks cross her neck and continue down the front of her ankle-length white nightgown.

Grinning, I ask: "What in the world are you supposed to be?"

She looks at me, and with absolute dead-pan says:

"Why Maybelle ... I am tired and run down."

Oh, my dear, how we laughed. And then she hands me an apple. It's all backwards, who gives who gets.

Despite having the energy of a gnat, I get a lovely fire going in the large stone hearth, and before you can say: Wacky witches of Eastwick – I am serving tea to my oldest ghoulish friend.

Bats fly into windows. Flying pumpkins dance. The room spins inside our heads.

"How long did it take you to come up with: tired and run down?"

Bette grabs a shawl and wraps it around her shoulders. "When I told Jack that's how I was feeling this

morning. Ding! Ding! There it was."

"Just like that."

"Just like that. My muse always surprises me between rinse cycles."

"Ah, rinse cycles."

"The Great Laundry Muse."

"Blessings to the Muse! So ... where is hubby Jack tonight?"

"Bowling in a Jack-o-Lantern costume."

"You're kidding."

"Yep. He's bowling in an Elvis outfit."

"Bette, I thought you told him, no more Elvis impersonations."

"Couldn't do it. It'd be like tearing his heart out."

"Too messy."

"Off the radar."

We laughed a lot that night—the spirit of black cats and cardboard skeletons taking us captive. The moon shone through my old cottage windows. The fire crackled and glowed.

Bette, my dearest oldest bud, looking like death warmed over, was the best medicine I could have asked for. There was no trick that night. Just treat. And, it was all mine.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com.*



It was a howling Halloween for Huskies fans Oct 30. With fans showing up in their best costumes, it was the Wolfman who took first place in the costume contest. /ALEX GALLACHER Special to the Echo



# Indispensable volunteer remembered

community news

## west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Another significant loss has occurred in the death of Allan Upton who died in his home on Oct. 21. Respects were paid at Monk's Funeral Home on Oct. 26. Allan and his wife, Beverly were members of Maple Lake United Church where Allan was an indispensable server of all committees from kitchen to board meetings. His devoted family will miss him greatly as will the former congregation of Maple Lake United Church. Sympathy is extended to all family and friends who greatly appreciated the work wherever he served.

It's been a long time between visits but at last, thanks to hunting season and George Cooper's affection for and devotion to it, George is around, albeit mostly at the hunting camp on Johnson Lake for two weeks. He is accompanied as always by his wife, Shireen and this year their daughter, Daphne, as well.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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## NOTICE (Applicant - DAVIDSON)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF GOODERHAM LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 7, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey made by **Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., dated October 9, 2019.**

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 26th day of October, 2021.

**ROBYN ROGERS, MUNICIPAL CLERK**  
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
WILBERFORCE, ON K0L 3C0  
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705-448-2981



# Photographer's work showcased in book



The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's president Gord Sheehan, from left, presented the new book, Glenn Springer Anthology to the Haliburton School of Art + Design's operations manager Shelly Schell and director Anda Kubis last week at the Haliburton campus. The book pays tribute to the late-Glenn Springer, who was a local photographer that was a regular past-contributor of the Haliburton Echo and the Minden Times newspapers. It features Springer's work and was compiled by friend Ron Goodlin and will reside in the college's library. The club, which was founded by Springer to foster a love of photography and development of skills, meets monthly. For more information see website [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca). Photo submitted.

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Photographer, instructor and lover of life, Glenn Springer was known for his passions.

Springer, a prolific photographer and past contributor to the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times, captured life and appreciated the connections he made with people.

It's been more than a year since Springer, a former Twelve Mile Lake resident died from a recurrence of cancer in March 2020. His photos have been organized into a book, Glenn Springer Anthology which was created by his good friend and photographer Ron Goodlin.

The book, featuring 275 photos and accompanying captions, is a legacy to Springer.

"Glenn was an incredible artist, a pioneer in artistic manipulation of digital images to create unique artistic showpieces. This book shows the metamorphosis of his work from the ordinary to the magnificent. Glenn should be remembered not only for being a fabulous photographer and artist, but because he was truly one of those wonderful affable people who touched so many of us with his kindness, generosity, creativity and love of sharing and

teaching," Goodlin wrote in an email message.

Goodlin spent a period of several months working through Springer's thousands of images down to what appears in the book, which depict life around the Highlands where he lived for close to 15 years, and from his travels, including Newfoundland. It's expected to be presented to the Haliburton School of Art + Design soon.

"Glenn asked me to help curate his collection of images for his family to remember him by, while curating these images the thought struck me that most people never look at all those images hidden away in the depths of our computer memory banks and so I decided to create a book for his family to enjoy," wrote Goodlin.

Springer founded the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club ([highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca)) with the help of Fred Pyziak in December 2013. Its objective was to assist photographers of all skill levels to develop their skills, but it also served to bring together people to share in the love and passion for photography.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of Glenn Springer Anthology, they can contact Goodlin at [Ron@mooseinacanoe.com](mailto:Ron@mooseinacanoe.com) and a book can be printed for them.

## Mass vaccination clinic reopens in Minden

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held Oct. 27 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.*

Mass vaccination clinics are reopening this week.

Bocking spoke again to planning for the return of five different mass vaccination clinics across the region. The clinics will allow for convenient and efficient vaccination of more people, including youth aged five to 11 should vaccine approval occur, and those eligible for third shot boosters.

"We do know as we look at restarting some of these larger clinics that venues that were previously available, a number of them hockey arenas, are now being used for other things, primarily playing hockey or other kind of ice sports, and so we are having to look at other opportunities that will still be large enough to accommodate a larger number of people coming through but they won't be quite as large as our previous clinics that were held in arenas."

Bocking said some clinics would start as early as next week to start getting organized, though approval for a vaccine for youth was still "a waiting game."

Clinic options will also be available in Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Cobourg, and East Northumberland during the week with high school clinics continued to be offered on weekends.

### Parades during the pandemic

Bocking spoke on parades prior to updated provincial guidelines on parades during the pandemic.

"I think that event organizers for

parades have a number of ways to be innovative and creative in supporting how they're choosing routes, the types of activities the floats are doing as they're going along the street. I think throughout the pandemic we've seen a lot of creativity and I know parades are really important parts of traditions, so I think both organizers and municipalities right now are figuring out what they're able to do with any changing regulations to be able to promote these activities in a way that best meets the needs of their communities."

"I think there are options available and in general I think it's also up to attendees when they participate in events to also do their best to follow all of the basic public health measures."

### Low case numbers due to public health measures

Since the start of the pandemic, 2,488 cases of COVID-19 have been recorded across the HKPR region, and as of last Oct. 27, just four cases were active - two in City of Kawartha Lakes and two in Northumberland County, with 13 close contact cases being followed. No outbreaks or school-related cases were reported.

"What this means is it translates to an incidence rate of 3.7 cases per 100,000, which is lower than what we've seen for quite some time," said Bocking. "When we look provincially at the numbers, we see the numbers have continued to trend downwards, which I think really speaks to how the province has been able to somewhat temper this fourth wave of COVID-19 that was expected this fall."

Bocking said vaccination and continued public health measures such as mask mandates and proof of vaccine are controlling the wave, and helping to keep numbers low.

"We know these measures work and it has been demonstrated so across Ontario," said Bocking.

### Adults aged 18 to 29 have lowest vaccination rate

As of last week, the coverage rate of individuals aged 12 and over across the health unit who have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine is 86.2 per cent, while 82.5 per cent have received two doses of vaccine. The age group with the lowest

vaccination rate coverage is young adults 18 to 29, currently sitting at 70 per cent having received two doses of vaccine.

The health unit continues to offer mobile, pop-up and school-based clinics. For more information visit <https://www.hkpr.on.ca/2021/09/01/vaccination-clinics/>.

## Halls Island Artist Residency

Halls Island Artist Residency is excited to announce a new community engagement project held in partnership with the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands.

Premiering on Nov. 19 everyone is welcome to tune in to *Escape to Halls Island*, the third in the online 6-Minute Escape video series. By logging on to the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands YouTube channel (complete address below) viewers will get a glimpse into the unique experiences of artists this past summer at Halls Island Artist Residency. 2021 artists included award-winning author Cathy Marie Buchanan, a creative musical group The River Pilots, and writer and voice actor Marilla Wex. A total of twelve artists created the eight videos to be viewed. Further information on each artist can be found on the Halls Island Artist Residency website. The artists and videos will be introduced by broadcaster Jack Brezina and award-winning performer Maggie Huculak. Viewers are invited to stay online for a live-streamed After Party where they can meet many of the artists live-online, hear more about the artists' experience on Halls Island, and ask questions via chat.

"Admission is free and any donations through GoFundMe will help to fund Arts Council programming in the Haliburton Highlands and will assist the Halls Island Artist Residency in continuing this

remarkable initiative," says Arts Council board member, Renée Woltz, who also sits on the Management Committee for Halls Island Artist Residency. "This new venture for Halls Island artists, which came about due to COVID-19 restrictions on live gatherings, has provided an opportunity for us to see the island and experience the residency through the eyes of the artists."

The volunteer Management Committee is already planning for next year. Interested artists are invited to visit the website at [www.hallsisland.ca](http://www.hallsisland.ca) to learn more about the application process. Applications open Nov. 1 and close Jan.15, 2022. The residency has hosted artists from across Canada and the U.S. and welcomes artists from a wide variety of artistic practices.

YouTube Channel address: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOI-yAYFFHh2YQgStC0lGsXA>

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Please submit a resume and cover letter, no later than noon  
on **November 23rd, 2021** to the attention of **Laura Casey,**  
**Human Resources Manager** at [hr@dysartetal.ca](mailto:hr@dysartetal.ca).

*We thank all of those who apply, but only those selected  
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# Devolin wants to be Speaker of the House

**MARTHA PERKINS**  
Editor

Local MP Barry Devolin is hoping that his "calm approach, contemplative nature and restrained partisanship" will earn him the trust of MPs around the country.

The 46-year-old Conservative is hoping to be chosen as the next Speaker of the House of Commons.

Not only is the Speaker the moderator of debates in Question Period but he or she is also "an important ambassador for Canada," Devolin says in a press release issued Monday morning. "Having lived for a year in Europe, a year and a half in Asia, and three years in the United States, I appreciate the importance of cultural sensitivity and protocol, and recognize the value of parliamentary diplomacy in promoting Canada's interests abroad."

Devolin has a B.A. and M.A. in political science. He was first elected to the House of Commons as the MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in 2004 and re-elected in 2006 and 2008.

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MATT JAMES/ECHO

## Imagine War

Don Curry of the Haliburton Legion's colour party, stands at attention as Grade 6 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students Kristen McKee, left, and Noelle Russell recite their original poem "Imagine War" during the school's Remembrance Day assembly on November 10. See page 20.

# Potential buyers check out updated condo plans

**CHAD INGRAM**

Staff Reporter

The developers of the Watercolours condominium development, slated for construction on the shores of Haliburton's Head Lake, unveiled some new drawings of the project and answered questions from some of the building's potential residents at a public meeting last week.

The event, which was attended by more than 50 people, was held at Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on November 4.

"There are a lot of buyers in here, I understand," said Ad Mahlo, president of the Toronto-based development company Symbol Communities Inc., as he addressed the crowd.

Many of the attendees were people who have put down \$500 deposits to reserve units in the planned four-storey, 150-unit complex.

"We're not going to go into very technical or specific details," Mahlo said, adding that many specifics of the project still have to be ironed out.

Rather, Mahlo said the gathering was an informal opportunity for buyers and potential buyers to check out updated drawings and floor plans and ask questions of the development team.

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KAWAGAMA LAKE \$279,000



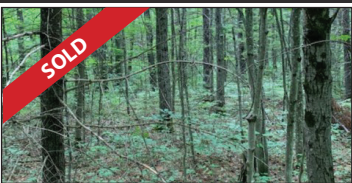
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